Proceedings of the meeting of the Mysore Tenancy Agricultural Land LawsCommittee held at the Circuit Hall, Mercara town ~~xx~~ at 9 p.m. with the landlords

Persons present:

1. Shri Kuttappa, President of the Coorg Estate Workers' UNion(E.I.T.U.C.)
2. Shri V. K. Iyappa, Ryot Sangh Secretary
3. Dr. Nanjundeshwar, Secretary, Labour Union
4. Shri K. M. Poonnappa, Organiser, RyotSangha.

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Shri Kuttappa — It is very difficult to get tenants. One-fifth rent should be fixed as maximum rent. The tenants usually do not care to fulfil the conditions of the landlord.

Shri Nanjundeshwar — The tenants get 50 batties of paddy and half is recovered from them. At the time of harvest nothing remains for the tenants. Some persons charge interest at 50 per cent and few do not do so. The custom here is 50%. The tenantsborrow paddy for sowing and finally they will not be in a position to repay it and will thus cover remain under the clutches of the landlords.

Shri Kuttappa — I do not get co-operation also from the residents of the village, because they are generally from outside. The tenants are only 11% in this area. About 35% cultivate their own lands and 10% give for tenants. 9% are the agricultural land owners. I cultivate my own land; otherwise I lease out my lands to tenants on a 1/2 basis guttige.

Shri R.M. Patil — What compensation you propose for lands taken from landowners?

Shri Kuttappa — I propose ten times the rent as compensation. Ceiling may be fixed at about 20 acres (or Rs.4,000) as pr Planning Commission's recommendation.

In respect of lands below the ceiling, compensation should be 20 times the rent.

Shri Huchmasthy Gowda — Will it be proper to fix the ceiling at 100 acres for persons who cultivate land themselves.

The ceiling limit should be fixed at 20 acres and persons should not be allowed to have more than 20 acres of land. But if he is an absentee land-lord, even with 10 acres of land, such land should be allowed to be purchased by the tenants.

ri Huch-sthy Gowda — What is your opinion if the Government assume the proprietory right?

i Kuttamma — We have to wait and see. The circumstances are favourable for cooperative farming and will be more advantageous. Hence cooperative farming societies may be tried.

i R.M.Patil — Are your people prepared to have cooperative farming Societies?

Dr.Nanjunde-shwara — It is quite possible for the people here to formsuch Farming societies and we must ask for the ownership to be leased to the individuals.

Member-Secretary — If the owners decide to farm a cooperative Soceity, can the present tenants be evicted?

Dr.Nanjunde-shwara — That will be a bogus cooperative society, and not a real cooperative society.

Shri M.R.Patil — would the tenancy legislation lead to egiction of the tenants on a large scale and would it be harmful to tenants?

Shri Kuttappa — On fixing the ceiling, the tenants will also be protected. Even though the tenants ar there for a number of years, they are no better than agricultural labourers. After the coming of theAct the tenants have been shown as labourers although actually they continued to be tenants.

Shri M.R.Patil — Will a tenant improve the land if he becomes owner of the lands?

Dr.Nanjunde-shwar — The tenant will then improve the field and can get more money from the improved lands. The right of proprietorship will certainly create more interst in them for the land. If the tenants become owners they get credit from the Society. Coffee plantations should be excluded from the prov ision of ceiling and of the tenancy law in general.

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